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3 BEFORE THE
4 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
5
6 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

7 In the Matter of,

8 Request for Waiver for South Georgia Medical
Center Consortium

9 Rural Health Care Program

10 Funding Year 2018

11 Form 461 Application Number 100028014

12 Funding Request Number ("FRN") 18435191

WC DOCKET NO. 02-60

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14 **Request for Waiver**

15 **WAIVER:**

16 Pursuant to Section 54.645(b) of the Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("47 CFR"), South
17 Georgia Medical Center Consortium, files this Request for Waiver ("Request") to waive the regulatory
18 deadline for submitting an FCC Form 463. The FCC Form 463 (Invoice and Request for Disbursement
19 Form) must be submitted by the applicant to USAC, after approval by the service provider, within six
20 months (180 days) of the end date of the funding commitment.¹

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28 ¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.645(b).

1 **Background**

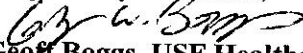
2 South Georgia Medical Center Consortium (SGMC) is a consortium with rural and urban members in the
3 state of Georgia. The services include acute care, hospital inpatient and outpatient general surgery,
4 emergency room, obstetrics, rehabilitation, primary care, orthopedic surgery, and the related ancillary
5 procedures.
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8 South Georgia Medical Center Consortium received the Funding Commitment Letter, for FRN 18435191
9 (Exhibit A), on 5/29/2019. The funding was for the period from 7/1/18 through 9/25/18. Pursuant to
10 Section 54.645(b) of 47 CFR, the invoicing deadline, as noted on the FCLs, was 3/25/19. This made it
11 impossible for the HCP to file a 463 form for funding since the deadline was about two months prior to
12 the approval date of the FCL.
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15 **Conclusion**

16 South Georgia Medical Center Consortium respectfully requests that, for the above reasons, the
17 Commission waive the 180-day Rule and provide a one-time extension for filing service provider
18 approved invoices for funding. The Commission has granted such an extension in the past.²
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21 Respectfully Submitted,

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23 **Geoff Boggs, USF Healthcare Consulting**
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28 Consultant for South Georgia Medical Center Consortium
(Exhibit B).

Exhibit A



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Rural Health Care HCF Funding Commitment Letter (FCL): HCP 42093, FRN 18435191

1 message

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Wed, May 29, 2019 at 12:37 PM

Funding Commitment Letter Date: 5/29/2019
Invoicing Deadline: 3/25/2019
Funding Year: 2018
Health Care Provider (HCP) Name: South Georgia Medical Center Consortium
HCP Number: 42093
HCP Contact Name: Jason Dorminy
HCP Contact Email: jason.dorminy@sgmc.org
HCP Contact Phone: (229) 333-1162
FCC Form 461 Application Number: 100028014
Funding Request Number: 18435191

The Rural Health Care (RHC) division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has completed its review of the FCC Form 462 *Healthcare Connect Fund Funding Request Form* (Form 462) and the supporting information submitted by the HCP named above. Based on the information provided, RHC has determined that the HCP is eligible for the funding estimated below. It is the HCP's responsibility to review this FCL and verify that all information is accurate.

Total Committed Funding: \$12,640.25
HCP Physical Location: 2501 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31602
Service Provider Name: MCC Telephony, LLC
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143029836

Multiple Expense Information

Expense Item	Funding Start Date	Funding End Date	Undiscounted Recurring Expense	Undiscounted Non-Recurring Expense	Recurring Funding Amount	Non-Recurring Funding Amount	Total Funding Amount	Committed Funding Amount
1	7/20/2018	9/25/2018	\$3,258.00	\$0.00	\$4,702.20	\$0.00	\$4,702.20	\$4,702.20
2	7/20/2018	9/25/2018	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,608.20	\$0.00	\$3,608.20	\$3,608.20
3	7/20/2018	9/25/2018	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,164.92	\$0.00	\$2,164.92	\$2,164.92
4	7/20/2018	9/25/2018	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,164.92	\$0.00	\$2,164.92	\$2,164.92

There is no pro-rata factor for this filing window period. Committed funding amount is 100% of total qualifying funding amount.

This funding request was submitted during FY2018 Filing Window 1. All qualifying requests submitted within the filing window period will receive a pro-rated percentage of the total funds available during FY2018 Filing Window 1 based on the total amount of qualifying funding requested during the filing window period. For each filing window period, if the total demand for RHC Program funding exceeds the total remaining funding available for the fund year, USAC will apply a pro-rata factor to each funding request. Learn more about funding request filing window periods here.

Exhibit B

SGMC⁺

sgmc.org

Date 1-22-18

Dear Mr. Geoff Boggs:

This letter grants USF Healthcare Consulting, Inc. (USFHC)¹, the authority to file for the Telecommunications Services Program, Internet Access Program, and Healthcare Connect Fund programs on behalf of South Georgia Medical Center (HCP). This LOA covers the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

This authority covers the locations listed on "Attachment A" of this document and any locations that may be added between now and the expiration of this letter. HCP may update this 3rd Party Authorization by revising the entities listed on Attachment A. All are owned and operated by HCP.

The HCP understands and accepts all potential liabilities from errors, omissions, or misrepresentations of the forms or documents submitted by USFHC. The HCP understands that the funding decisions made by USAC as a result of the representations made during the funding process by USFHC bind the HCP. The HCP also understands that it is subject to all Rural Health Care program rules and requirements including 47 C.F.R. 54.601 et. seq.²

Regards,

Signature

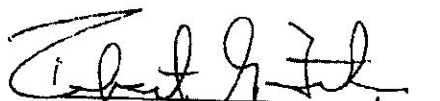
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² Regarding eligibility of healthcare providers, primarily public or non-profit healthcare providers. Letter of Authority for USF Healthcare Consulting, Inc.

South Georgia Medical Center
SGMC Lanier Campus

SGMC Smith Northview Campus
SGMC Berrien Campus

Attachment A

HCP#	HCP Name	Street	City	County	Stat	Zip
15143	South Georgia Medical Center - Lanier Campus	116 West Thigpen Avenue	Lakeland	Lanier	GA	31635
17386	South Georgia Medical Center - Berrien Campus	1221 McPherson Av	Nashville	Berrien	GA	31639
41869	South Georgia Medical Center	2501 N Patterson St	Valdosta	Lowndes	GA	31602
41870	South Georgia Medical Center - Smith Northview Campus	4280 N Valdosta Rd	Valdosta	Lowndes	GA	31602
42093	South Georgia Medical Center Consortium	2501 N Patterson St	Valdosta	Lowndes	GA	31602